

## CLAIMS

1. An input method using an input apparatus in which  
a touch panel is laminated onto a display screen  
5 of a display apparatus,

a sensor unit is formed so as to be expanded to  
the outside of one side of said display screen,

an instruction according to a touching position  
of a finger or a touch pen onto said sensor unit is given,  
10 and a controller generates a control signal on the basis  
of said instruction,

comprising the steps of:

displaying a selection display comprising a  
plurality of selection items along said side of said display  
15 screen when the finger or the touch pen is touched to said  
sensor unit;

instructing one of said selection items when the  
finger or the touch pen is moved along said side on said  
sensor unit; and

20 instructing selection of said instructed  
selection item when the finger or the touch pen is released  
from said sensor unit.

2. An input method according to claim 1, wherein  
by operating a predetermined button on a  
25 display/sensor unit of said touch panel overlapped with said  
display screen, an instruction corresponding to said button  
is generated.

3. An input method according to claim 1, wherein  
said selection display is finished when the finger  
or the touch pen is moved from said sensor unit to said display  
screen side.

5 4. An input method according to claim 1, wherein  
said selection display is a menu display.

5. An input apparatus in which a touch panel is  
laminated onto a display screen of a display apparatus,  
comprising:

10 a sensor unit formed so as to be expanded to the  
outside of one side of said display screen; and

a controller to which an instruction according  
to a touching position of a finger or a touch pen onto said  
sensor unit is given and which generates a control signal  
15 on the basis of said instruction,

wherein said controller controls the display  
apparatus in such a manner that a selection display  
comprising a plurality of selection items is displayed along  
said side of said display screen when the finger or the touch  
20 pen is touched to said sensor unit and one of said selection  
items is instructed when the finger or the touch pen is moved  
along said side on said sensor unit, and

said controller generates the control signal to  
instruct selection of said instructed selection item when  
25 the finger or the touch pen is released from said sensor  
unit.

6. An input apparatus according to claim 5, wherein

by operating a predetermined button on a display/sensor unit of said touch panel overlapped with said display screen, said controller generates an instruction corresponding to said button.

5        7.        An input apparatus according to claim 5, wherein  
             said selection display is finished when the finger  
             or the touch pen is moved from said sensor unit to said display  
             screen side.

10       8.        An input apparatus according to claim 5, wherein  
             said selection display is a menu display.